scheme is estimated at Rs.25.95 crore per annum. The non-recurring expenditure is estimated at Rs.342.56

Loss of BSF and CRPF personnel during earthquake in J & K

65. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the numbers of personnel of the BSF and CRPF, cadre-wise who lost their lives in Jammu and Kashmir due to earthquake of 8th October, 2005 and also while engaged in the rescue operations there, separately;

(b) whether any special compensation in the from of additional pension and gratuity is proposed to be given to their spouses/dependants; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) While no one died from CRPF, details of BSF personnel who died due to earthquake on 8th October 2005 are given below:—

Carde	Number
Head Constable	02
Lance Naik	01
Constable	05
Cook	01
TOTAL	09

No life was lost from these Forces in rescue work.

(b) and (c) The spouses or dependents of these Forces personnel who lost their lives during earthquake will be eligible for all benefits as admissible under rules to the next of kin of personnel dying 'on duty'.

Constitution Of disaster management authority

66. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government has constituted any authority/board for the disaster management in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the composition of such an authority/ board;

(c) the specific mandate given to such an authority/board; and

(d) how far this authority/board has been successful in managing the disaster caused by the recent earthquake in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) The Central Government has constituted a National Disaster Management Authority with the Prime Minister as Chairperson, Gen. N.C Vij, PVSUM,UYSM,AVSM(Retd.) as the Vice Chairperson and Shri K.M.Singh, Shri M. Shashidhar Reddy, Lt. Gen. J.R. Bhardwaj, PVSM,AVSM,VSM,PHS (Retd.) Dr. Mohan Kanda and Shri N. Vinod Chandra Menon as Members. The appointment of the Vice Chairperson and the Members was notified on 28th September, 2005.

(c) The National Disaster management Authority has been given the responsibility for laying down the plans and policies for disaster management. The Authority also has the responsibility, *inter-alia* to:

(i) lay down policies on disaster management;

(ii) approve the National Disaster Management Plan;

(iii) approve plans prepared by the Ministries and Departments of the Government in accordance with the National Disaster Management Plan;

(iv) lay down guidelines to be followed by a State Authority in drawing up the State plan;

(v) lay down guidelines to be followed by different Ministries and Departments of the Government of India for the purpose of integrating the measures for prevention of disaster or the mitigation of its effects in their development plans and projects;

(vi) coordinate the enforcement and implement of the policies and plans for disaster management.

(d) The National Disaster Management Authority has been closely associated with the response and relief measures taken by the Central Government and the State Government in the aftermath of the recent earthquake in Jammu & Kashmir, and facilitated effective management of the disaster.

Killing of elderly people in Delhi

67. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an elderly couple was killed by unidentified assailants at their Greater Kailash residence in Delhi on 5th November, 2005;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of attacks and murder of elderly people in Delhi during last one year till date;

(d) the number of cases solved so far and the culprits apprehended;

(e) the reasons for which the Delhi Police could not protect the elderly people;

(f) whether any programme has been chalked out for giving protection to elderly people; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. An elderly person and his wife were severely injured in their house in Greater Kailash-I on 5th November, 2005 by unknown assailants. While the wife died on the spot, the man succumbed to his injuries in the Hospital. Delhi Police has registered a case and started investigation. No one has so far been arrested in the case.

(c) and (d) The requisite details are given below: